

UNITED STATES  
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
Revision Form

Decision: \*

Decision: † Coast Ranges

Former decision:

Date:

Revision proposed by:

Date:

Reason for change:

Evidence supporting change:

WAC 269

See also: over, work card, former decision card, case brief, other attachments.

New decision card should read as follows:

Name: † Coast Ranges

Designation:

Major Area: United States  
Subdivision:

Lat.      °      '      "

Long.      °      '      "

Sec.      T.      R.      \_\_\_\_\_ meridian.

Description: series of ranges; most of which have individual names also, extending along the Pacific coast from southern California to the Strait of Juan de Fuca; physiographically, ~~these ranges are continued northward as islands~~ the islands to the northward are continuations of these ranges.

1907 dec. verified; description changed

On docket, date:

Caseworker \_\_\_\_\_ date:  
Linguist \_\_\_\_\_ date:  
Regional Geog. \_\_\_\_\_ date:  
Chief, Case Res. \_\_\_\_\_ date:  
Chief, Res. Brch. \_\_\_\_\_ date:  
Director \_\_\_\_\_ date:

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DNC or FNC approval date:  
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Promulgation date: MAY 1954  
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(1) Coast Mountains

1951 Skinner's reply of June 23, 1951, ~~phototype~~  
~~High School Geography of the Canadian~~  
~~Geography~~ 247/p

"It would appear that you are correct in assuming that the Coast Ranges of the United States do not form a continuous feature with the Coast Mountains in Canada".

(2) Coast Ranges of California 1931 Fenneman, *Physiography of Western U.S.* map, p. 397  
(north of San Francisco Bay)

Coast Ranges

ibid., map p. 368

Oregon Coast Range

ibid., map p. 226

p. 442 - 1. Pacific Border province is divided into a chain of mountains on the west ...  
most of the mountains are familiarly called the "Coast Ranges" but the  
application of this term is not uniform. Their northernmost representa-  
tive in the United States is the ~~Rip~~ Olympic group in Washington.  
The chain is continued northward in Vancouver Island...and the Queen  
Charlotte Islands. Named in order from north to south, the chain  
in the United States includes the Olympic group, Oregon Coast Range,  
Klamath and California Ranges, and the ranges of the Angeles  
section, sometimes called the Southern California Coast Ranges....  
Unfortunately the term Coast Range of British Columbia has been  
applied to the mountains lying east of this trough....As such it ~~do~~  
should have been applied to the mountains of Vancouver Island in  
order to be consistent with custom which applies it to the much  
better known Coast Ranges of the United States. The mountains of  
British Columbia, while not a continuation of the Cascade Range,  
are closely related to it and not to the Coast Ranges of the  
United States!"